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From

Dr. D. M. Sen, O.B.E., M.A., Ph.D.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments and Local Administrations.

Sir,

TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD OF
EDUCATION - PROCEEDINGS - ACTION TAKEN.

I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Provincial Government/Your information a proof copy of the Proceedings of the Twelfth Meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education held at Mysore in January 1946. Fair ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ printed copies will be sent as soon as they are ready. The Government of India offer the following comments and suggestions on some of the items which call for specific action:--

Item II(a): It is requested that if there be no objection the information supplied in future on developments in Basic (Primary and Middle) Education may kindly be classified as desired by the Board and submitted to this Department by the 15th October 1946. Information in regard to the developments in Adult Education and Social Service may also be kindly supplied as usual at an early date, but not later than the 15th October 1946.

Item II(b): The Government of India will be glad if the Provincial Government/you will be good enough to supply, for the information of the Board, supplementary reports on any specific developments in your Province/area, by 1st November 1946.

Item III: The Government of India will be glad to be informed of the further action taken by the Provincial Government/you on the reports of the Agricultural Education and Administrative Committees of the Board.

Item IV: In regard to the report of the Inter-University Board on University Teachers' conditions of service, it is expected that the Secretary, Inter-University Board, will address the Universities. The Government of India will be glad to receive the views of the Provincial Governments on the recommendations of the Board.

Item V: It is requested that the progress of Post-War educational development in your Province/area by ~~xxx~~ 1st November 1946 for the information of the Board.

ITEM VII: The Government of India will be glad to receive the views of the Provincial Government etc., on the recommendations of the Board.

Item VIII and IX. Separate communications will follow in regard to the reports dealt with under these items.

Item XI: The Government of India are considering the question of establishing a Central School for the study of the more important foreign languages. The Government of India will be glad to be informed what action the Provincial Government/you propose to take in the matter.

Item XII: The matter is under consideration and a separate communication will be sent.

Item XVI: The Committee appointed by the Board has already met and its report will be submitted to the Central Advisory Board of Education at their next meeting.

Item XXI: The Board have reiterated the value of their original recommendation regarding permanent exhibitions and museums to promote Adult Education. They have also recommended the collection of gramophone records of talks by eminent persons for Adult Education lessons. These are commended to the Provincial Government/you for consideration and suitable action.

Items VI, X, XIII, XIV, XV, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX and XXII: These are for information only.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
NO.54364 B2/48-3.

From
The Secretary to Government.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Education, NEW DELHI.

Dated, Fort St. George, Madras, the 9th June 1948.

Sir,
Sub: Central Advisory Board of Education -
Twelfth Meeting - Proceedings.

In reply to your letter No.F.8-1/46 E.II, dated 10-9-1946, I am directed to say that the Madras Government have examined the recommendations contained in the proceedings of the Central Advisory Board of Education at its twelfth meeting. The views of this Government and the action taken to implement the recommendations of the Board are set out in the annexure.

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- x x
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

ANNEXURE.

Item II of the Proceedings:-

Sub: Basic Education and Adult Education.

Basic Education:-

During 1946-47 there were 3 Basic Training Schools in the Province, two under the Government and the other under the management of the Kasturba National Memorial Trust (Andhra). During 1947-48 five more Basic Training Schools were started, three by Government one by the Kasturba Trust (Tamil Nad) and the other by the Tamil Nad Basic Education Society.

During 1947-48 special effort was taken for training the staff required for Basic Training schools. Seven graduate teachers were deputed to Sewagram and 28 training school teachers retrained in the Government Basic Training School, Perianaickenpalayam. They will be employed in the new Basic Training schools that will be organised by the Government during 1948-49.

Basic Schools:-

With the teachers trained during 1946-47 17 new basic schools have been organised in a compact area round the Basic Training School at Perianaickenpalayam. During 1947-48 there were 30 Basic schools distributed throughout the Province. On an average 3 teachers trained in Basic education were posted to each school.

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The Madras Government recognised the syllabuses of Basic schools and Basic Training schools published by the Hindustani ~~Tax~~ Talimi Sangh and they are followed in those schools. Spinning was adopted as the basic craft in all the institutions. Weaving is slowly developed and it is hoped that during 1948-49 every basic training school will be completely equipped for Weaving also.

Aspect of self-help:-

Peons and other menial servants are not employed in most of the Basic Training schools. The trainees themselves help in cooking also and attend to manual work.

Supply of Equipment:-

Two craft stores were opened during 1947-48 with a view to enable the Basic schools to get their supply of craft equipment from the stores. Craft equipment was supplied to the new schools opened during 1947-48 through these stores. Each of those stores would stock craft equipment worth about Rs.10,000/-. They would stock in proper season, guts, cotton, etc. and maintain a high standard in the quality of taklies, charkas, carding-boards and other implements.

Adult Education:-

The programme drawn up for Adult Education has already been forwarded to the Government of India with letter No.74751 B2/47-6, dated 8-4-1948.

Item III of the Proceedings:-

Report of the Agricultural Education Committee.

The views of the Government of Madras have already been forwarded to the Government of India with letter No.105: Development dated ~~19-11-1946~~ 19-11-1946.

Report of the Administration Committee.

The views of the Madras Government have already been forwarded to the Government of India with letter No. 44264 B2/46-11, dated 4-7-1946.

Item IV of the Proceedings:-

Sub: Adoption of Modern Indian languages as medium of instruction in ~~Engl~~ Colleges.

The Madras Government generally agree to the adoption of Modern Indian languages as medium of instruction in colleges. The question is however one to be decided by the Universities.

Item V of the Proceedings:-

Sub: Post⁴⁷war Education Development.

A Separate communication will be sent to the Government of India on the subject.

Item VII of the Proceedings:-

Sub: Religious Instruction

The Madras Government are in general agreement with the decision of the Board that provision for religious instruction should be the responsibility of the Home and the Community. They would, however, welcome religious instruction being provided in schools so long as it does not involve breach of state neutrality or expenditure by the State or compulsion on pupils of other faiths. The policy followed by the Madras Government in the matter is that public funds should not be used for the provision of religious instruction except in the case of a few special schools for Muslims. In the case of others, instruction may however be given outside school hours at the written request of the parents of pupils. The arrangements now made in regard to religious instruction to Muslims will be continued for five years as decided at present. In the case of schools under private management, religious instruction can be given within school hours subject to a conscience clause. The pay of instructors is not, however, taken into account for purposes of grant. It is not proposed to alter these arrangements.

Item XI of the Proceedings:-

Sub: Teaching of modern languages in schools.

The Madras and Andhra Universities have organised diploma courses in French and German. The question whether provision can be made for the study of Russian is engaging the attention of Government.

Item XXI of the Proceedings:-

Sub: Adult Education - Exhibition -
Museums - Use of gramophone
records. ***

The recommendations commend themselves to the Madras Government.